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**U.S. WINTER WHEAT PRODUCTION UP 6 PERCENT FROM 2004**

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Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.59 billion bushels, up 6 percent from 2004. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 45.4 bushels per acre, 1.9 bushels more than last year. Grain area totals 35.1 million acres, up 2 percent from last season.

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**MINNESOTA HAY STOCKS UP FROM LAST YEAR**

**WINTER WHEAT**

Minnesota stocks of all hay totaled 884,000 tons on May 1, 2005, up from 575,000 tons on May 1 of the previous year and up from 815,000 tons in 2003.

**HAY STOCKS**

U.S. stocks of all hay on farms totaled 27.7 million tons on May 1, 2005, up 7 percent from May 1 of the previous year.

**CATTLE ON FEED**

**U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT**

**FARM LABOR**

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on May 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above May 1, 2004 and 1 percent above May 1, 2003.

**POTATO STOCKS**

**EGG  
PRODUCTION**

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.66 million, 4 percent above 2004 but 11 percent below 2003. Net placements were 1.57 million. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 340,000, 600-699 pounds were 225,000, 700-799 pounds were 500,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 595,000.

**MILK  
PRODUCTION**

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.80 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 9 percent below 2003. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of April since the series began in 1996.

**WORLD  
AGRICULTURAL  
SUPPLY AND  
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ESTIMATES**

Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during April, 7 percent below 2004 but 43 percent above 2003.

**Upcoming Releases :** Crop Production on June 10 at 8:30 a.m.  
Quarterly Hogs and Pigs on June 24 at 3:00 p.m.  
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**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,  
by Month, State, and United States 2004-2005 1/**

State	May 1, 2004	Apr 1, 2005	May 1, 2005		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Apr
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	295	323	328	111	102
CA	500	500	500	100	100
CO	940	1,020	970	103	95
ID	250	240	240	96	100
IA	415	455	455	110	100
KS	2,240	2,340	2,260	101	97
NE	2,100	2,260	2,190	104	97
NM	105	113	114	109	101
OK	310	325	305	98	94
SD	200	205	200	100	98
TX	2,560	2,620	2,630	103	100
WA	175	159	147	84	92
Oth Sts	285	310	300	105	97
US	10,375	10,870	10,639	103	98

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**LAKE REGION HIRED WORKERS DOWN 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO**

**Lake Region:** There were 55,000 hired workers on Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin) farms during the week of April 10-16, 2005, down by 4 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$9.95 per hour during the April 2005 survey week, down by 15 cents from \$10.10 in April 2004. Field workers received an average of \$8.99 per hour, down 21 cents from a year ago. Livestock workers earned \$10.05 per hour compared with \$9.95 a year earlier. The field and livestock workers combined wage rate at \$9.45 per hour was down by 15 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 34.8 for hired workers during the survey week compared with 35.5 hours a year ago.

**WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES  
FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS, LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, APRIL 2005**

	Lake Region 1/		United States 2/	
	April 11-17 2004	April 10-16 2005	April 11-17 2004	April 10-16 2005
	1,000 Workers			
<b>Workers on Farms All Hired Workers</b>	57	55	1,084	978
	Hours Per Week			
<b>Hours Worked All Hired Workers</b>	35.5	34.8	40.6	39.8
	Dollars Per Hour			
<b>Workers By Work Type</b>				
Field	9.20	8.99	8.47	8.55
Livestock	9.95	10.05	8.95	9.23
Field & Livestock	9.60	9.45	8.59	8.73
<b>All Workers</b>	10.10	9.95	9.23	9.34

1/ Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Excludes agricultural service workers.

2/ Excludes Alaska.

## MINNESOTA POTATO STOCKS 7 PERCENT BELOW 2004 LEVEL

**May 1 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 5.1 million hundredweight, 7 percent below the May 1, 2004 level. Stocks in Area 1 totaled 1.6 million hundredweight, up 7 percent from 2004 and stocks in Area 2 totaled 3.5 million hundredweight, down 13 percent from 2004.

### MINNESOTA FALL POTATO STOCKS BY REGION

Region 1/	May 1, 2004		May 1, 2005	
	Stocks 2003 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2004 Crop	Percent of Total Stocks
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 Cwt</u>	
MN Area 1	1,500	27	1,600	31
MN Area 2	4,000	73	3,500	69
State Total	5,500	100	5,100	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahanomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

### APRIL EGG OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 244 million eggs during April 2005 versus 246 million in April 2004. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.39 billion eggs in April, up less than half of 1 percent from a year ago.

#### POULTRY STATS - APRIL

		2004	2005
Total Eggs Produced	MN	246 Mil.	244 Mil.
	U.S.	7,358 Mil.	7,388 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	10.8 Mil.	11.0 Mil.
	U.S.	342.6 Mil.	344.0 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,269	2,227
	U.S.	2,148	2,148
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (April)			
Egg-Type	MN	0.8 Mil.	1.2 Mil.
	U.S.	37.5 Mil.	38.3 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	774.6 Mil.	789.8 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (May 1)			
Egg-Type	WNC*	6.5 Mil.	8.0 Mil.
	U.S.	33.3 Mil.	35.9 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	25.8 Mil.	23.8 Mil.
	U.S.	661.5 Mil.	663.4 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Placed (April)	WNC*	9.2 Mil.	9.2 Mil.
	U.S.	24.7 Mil.	23.5 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (May 1)	WNC*	10.8 Mil.	11.2 Mil.
	U.S.	29.9 Mil.	29.1 Mil.

\*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota)

### APRIL MILK OUTPUT UP 1 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Totaling 692 million pounds, the state's April milk production was up 1 percent from April 2004.

Output per cow was 1,520 pounds in April, up 40 pounds from April 2004. Milk cows for April averaged 455,000 head, the same as March, but 10,000 below a year ago.

April 2005 milk output in the 23 major states was 13.61 billion pounds, up 3 percent from April 2004. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.10 million head, up 44,000 from the previous year. At 1,679 pounds, production per cow was 43 pounds more than April 2004.

#### MARCH/APRIL 2005 MILK STATS

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	Mar	Apr	Mar	Apr
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,225	3,187	104	104
Idaho	829	820	113	112
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>101</b>
New York	1,017	998	102	101
Pennsylvania	896	895	101	103
Wisconsin	1,923	1,893	102	103
23 States	13,779	13,612	103	103

## WORLD AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY AND DEMAND ESTIMATES

Note: This report presents USDA's initial assessment of U.S. and world crop supply and demand prospects and U.S. prices for the 2005/06 season. Also presented are the first calendar-year 2006 projections of U.S. livestock and dairy products. Projections reflect economic analysis, normal weather, trends, and judgement.

Because spring planting is still underway in the Northern Hemisphere and remains several months away in the Southern Hemisphere, these projections are highly tentative. National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) forecasts are used for U.S. winter wheat. For other U.S. crops, the March 31 NASS *Prospective Plantings* report is used for planted acreage.

**WHEAT:** The 2005/06 U.S. wheat outlook is for a modest increase in production, a decrease in exports, and a rise in stocks. Total production is up 1 percent from 2004/05 to 2,185 million bushels. The survey-based forecast of winter wheat production is up 6 percent because of reduced abandonment and higher yields. Spring and durum production is projected to decline based on trend yields and the most recent 10-year average of harvested-to-planted ratios. Total wheat supplies are up only 2 percent, reflecting smaller beginning stocks.

Total wheat use is projected to decrease by 5 percent in 2005/06 because of smaller exports and feed and residual use. Food use is unchanged. Projected exports of 950 million bushels are down 100 million because of larger exportable supplies in the EU-25, Ukraine, and Russia. U.S. ending stocks are up 137 million bushels, and the largest since 2001/02. The 2005/06 price range is \$2.55 to \$3.05 per bushel, compared with an estimated \$3.39 for 2004/05.

**COARSE GRAINS:** The U.S. outlook for 2005/06 includes decreased feed-grain production but larger supplies, lower domestic use but higher exports, increased ending stocks, and lower prices. The 2005/06 corn crop is projected at 10,985 million bushels, 7 percent below last year's record. The projection is based on *Prospective Plantings*, the harvested-to-planted relationship for 1999-2004 (omitting 2002), and trend yields adjusted up for the rapid pace of 2005 planting. The smaller corn crop is offset by larger carry-in stocks, leaving total corn supply up.

Total 2005/06 corn use expands as higher exports offset a decline in domestic use, which is down 40 million bushels largely due to reduced feed and residual use. Feed and residual use declines due to increased use of non-grain feed ingredients and lower residual disappearance because of a return to near-to-trend yields. Food, seed, and industrial use is up due to increased use of corn to produce ethanol. U.S. corn exports are up 150 million bushels because of less competition. With supplies exceeding use, ending stocks of corn are 2,540 million bushels, up 325 million, and the largest since 1987/88. The projected price range for corn is \$1.55 to \$1.95 for 2005/06, compared with \$2.00 to \$2.10 for 2004/05.

**OILSEEDS:** U.S. oilseed production for 2005/06 is projected at 89.2 million tons, down 8 percent from 2004/05. Soybean production will account for most of the reduction, falling 8 percent from last season's record crop to 2,895 million bushels (78.8 million tons). The U.S. seasonal average soybean price for 2005/06 is projected at \$4.70 to \$5.70 per bushel, compared with \$5.65 per bushel in 2004/05.

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